

**Remarks**

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-18 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 is the only claim amended herein.

**Amendment Of Claim 1**

Claim 1 is currently amended to replace the typographical error “meads” which occurred respectively at lines 11 and 16 of original claim 1 with the properly spelled word “means”. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment, favorable consideration of this case and issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels would be best resolved through a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned below.

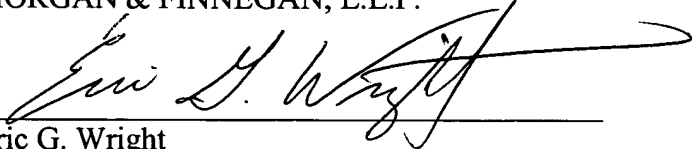
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for timely consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5333. A duplicate copy of this page is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
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